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Public Notice

The California Department of Conservation, Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources (Division), in consultation with the staff of the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, is considering recommending that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) approve an aquifer exemption for a portion of the Sisquoc and Monterey Formations in the Cat Canyon Oil Field (i.e., the Proposal Area) under the Safe Drinking Water Act, for purposes of receiving fluids from Class II injection wells. If approved by the US EPA, this aquifer exemption proposal would clarify that the Proposal Area may be a suitable location for Class II injection to occur. However, approval of the proposed aquifer exemption would not, by itself, authorize any new injection activity. Approval to operate a Class II injection project involves a regulatory process separate from aquifer exemption. The Division and the State Water Board invite comments from the public regarding whether this aquifer exemption proposal meets the criteria for recommendation to the US EPA. A public hearing to provide information and accept written and oral comments from the public will be held on DAY, MONTH XX, 201X at 4 pm at the Santa Maria Fair Park in the Park Plaza Pavilion, 937 S. Thornburg Street, Santa Maria California, 93458. The US EPA will be in attendance to observe the public hearing and will give a brief presentation explaining their role in the aquifer exemption process. Services, such as translation between English and other languages, may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of these services, please make your request no later than ten working days prior to the hearing by calling (916) 322-3080. Servicios, como traducción de Inglés a otros idiomas, pueden hacerse disponibles si usted los pide en avance. Para asegurar la disponibilidad de éstos servicios, por favor haga su petición al mínimo de diez días laborables antes de la reunión, llamando al (916) 322-3080.

Written comments can be submitted by email to: comments@conservation.ca.gov; by facsimile (FAX) to (916) 324-0948; or by mail to: ATTN: Aquifer Exemption, Department of Conservation, 801 K Street, MS 24-02, Sacramento, CA 95814; or by submission at the public hearing. The deadline to submit written comments is 5 pm on DAY, MONTH XX, 201X. Important information regarding the legal criteria and factual observations pertinent to this aquifer exemption proposal is summarized in a Statement of Basis document. The Statement of Basis document, along with the other materials supporting this aquifer exemption proposal, are available online via the Division's website: [HYPERLINK

"http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dog/Pages/Aquifer_Exemptions.aspx"]. These materials may also be obtained from the Division's local district office at 195 S. Broadway, Ste 101, Orcutt, CA 93455.

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